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**DRAFT Minutes of the
Broadway-Pantano Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF) Site
Community Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting – 33rd meeting**

June 15, 2005, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Eastside City Hall, 7575 E. Speedway
Tucson, Arizona

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CAB Members Present: Judy Burns, Dolores Fife, James Garrett, Digger Jones, Aubrey McMullen, Wanda Ryckman

CAB Members Absent: Cheri Bludau, Patricia Gehlen, Ries Lindley, Janet Marcus, Jackie Olson, Jean Sabo, Walter Schaffer, Ward Wallingford

ADEQ Staff Present: Gretchen Wagenseller, Project Manager; Eileen Palese, Community Involvement Coordinator

Members of the Public Present: Jeffrey Drumm, Dave Eaker, Homer Hansen, Tina Lee, Lee Lohman, Theresa Kalayhan

The meeting began at 6:35 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Co-chair Judy Burns conducted introductions of CAB members and public participants.

2. Approval of Minutes for 1/20/05 CAB Meeting

Approval of the minutes from the January 20, 2005 meeting was postponed until the next meeting due to the lack of a quorum.

3. Vote to Accept Resignation of CAB Members

A vote to accept the resignations of Ries Lindley and Walter Schaffer was postponed until the next meeting due to the lack of a quorum.

4. Nomination and Election of CAB Co-Chairs

The nomination and election of CAB Co-Chairs was postponed until the next meeting due to the lack of a quorum.

5. Call to the Public

No one requested to comment.

6. Site Investigation Update/Q&A

Gretchen Wagenseller introduced Jeffrey Drumm, City of Tucson Environmental Services Department, who updated the CAB on the operations and maintenance of the Western Groundwater Containment System (WGCS). He said that a broken cable was found on the system which solved what could have been an expensive upgrade to the system. He said, overall, maintenance costs have dropped. He also described the scheduled procedures to change the activated carbon filters on the water pumps. He said the system has moved over 700 million gallons of water, thus far.

CAB members asked questions about the operation of the system and long-term maintenance. Jeffrey Drumm explained that the canisters are made of stainless steel, so they should last for several years and it is only the internal carbon that gets changed. He said the system has been successful at removing the PCE in the water. The used filters are sent to California to be regenerated.

Jeffrey Drumm described the status of the installation of two new groundwater monitoring wells by the city near the site. He said the city process to approve these wells took longer than he expected. Gretchen Wagenseller pointed out the well locations on the map. She said she will mail a map to the CAB with the final locations for these wells. She said ADEQ appreciates the city funding this project. Jeffrey Drumm said that ADEQ and the city are working on this project through a Technical Group to be sure there are no redundant efforts and that everyone is in agreement on how to proceed.

Homer Hansen, with Aplomado Environmental, was introduced and described a project he is working on for KB Home. He said KB Home is looking at an area of the Broadway-North Landfill for possible residential development. He has been contracted to assess the landfill. The plans are that test trenching will take place in July to examine the landfill materials and the depths of the debris. He said any previous studies of the landfill have not been as extensive as what is planned by KB Home. He said he is meeting with ADEQ and with Ward 2 staff and the neighborhood association to provide information and answer questions about the test trenching. He expects the field activities to only take two weeks.

CAB members asked if KB Home planned to build single family homes. Homer Hansen said he did not know, but said that is what they most often build. He said the company's intent is not to build on landfill areas, so that is why they are doing the near-surface study.

Before Gretchen Wagenseller presented recent groundwater data to the CAB, she updated the CAB about the Caylor property at Broadway and Prudence, near the Hilton Hotel. She said that this area falls under ADEQ's Voluntary Remediation Program which just received a soil sampling report in May. She said she will report on this data after she receives the results from the ADEQ staff in Phoenix.

She reported on the WQARF funding and said the budget for the site for the upcoming fiscal year is looking sufficient. She said there is money set aside to maintain the WGCS and funding should be sufficient to finish the Remedial Investigation (RI).

She illustrated on a map the data from the May sampling event. She described the reconfiguration of the plume due to a decrease in the concentrations of contaminants. She said she believes that the numbers may be dropping because clean water is being pulled into the WGCS. The CAB asked questions about the extraction well capture zone. She said that because there are a limited number of monitoring points, the actual zone is unknown. She said some of the contamination may have gone beyond the capture zone, but once the city installs the new wells, this question can be better answered. She said the city production wells located further west of this area are tested regularly.

She said that last November contamination showed up for the first time in the BP-8 and BP-7 wells, so these wells were tested every month to see if this trend continued. She said she will report on the results of this monitoring when the data becomes available. She said that the plumes from both the Broadway North and Broadway South landfills appear to be merging. The CAB discussed the problem of uncontrolled landfill dumping in the past.

Gretchen Wagenseller said that she will mail the maps with the new data when finalized. Judy Burns said it was good to see so much progress in the investigation in the past five years and that the decisions that were made seem to be the correct ones.

The CAB asked to have a presentation from Tucson Water on water issues surrounding the site.

Gretchen Wagenseller said she did update the site fact sheet but it needs to be approved and produced in Phoenix. She said the fact sheet will also be placed on ADEQ's web site with an updated map.

Jeffrey Drumm explained the approval process it will take to accomplish the well drilling. He answered CAB questions about the well installation and operations. He said that he had gone to the WQARF Advisory Board meeting and that some in the state legislature are not in favor of the WQARF program. He said the city is encouraging the WQARF Advisory Board to meet in Tucson.

Judy Burns said that, in the past, the CAB has written to the WQARF Advisory Board on issues of importance. Jeffrey Drumm mentioned that the legislature tried to "sunset" ADEQ. Digger Jones said that he believes the attacks on ADEQ were because the agency has fined influential groups for environmental violations. Jeffrey Drumm encouraged the CAB to tell the legislature to keep ADEQ in place. Gretchen Wagenseller clarified that the WQARF budget for the next fiscal year had been approved. She explained the sunset legislation to the CAB.

Judy Burns suggested that the CAB discuss on a future agenda how to get out ahead of the issues so the CAB can have input—to make protecting WQARF funding a part of the CAB's yearly focus. Jim Garrett asked if the CAB can lobby the legislature. Eileen Palese said that the CAB can, but ADEQ can not. Gretchen Wagenseller said that if there was no ADEQ, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would have to take over the site.

7. CAB Outreach Reports

Judy Burns said last December she received information about a city "Environmental Services Advisory Committee" in her water bill, so she decided to apply. She said she was recently

appointed to a four-year term. She said she has been to three meetings thus far which were the led by Nancy Petersen. Jeffrey Drumm announced that Nancy Petersen is now the acting Deputy Director of the city's Environmental Services department. Judy Burns said that the meetings are open to the public. She said the members are very knowledgeable about landfills and they are looking at the garbage fee and water issues. She said she did mention the CAB and that Nancy Petersen included WQARF issues in a presentation she made to the group. Judy Burns said she will take CAB applications to that committee to encourage membership.

Digger Jones said that he sent information about the site to an associate in Pennsylvania who was interested in Arizona's WQARF program.

8. CAB Membership Discussion

Judy Burns said that the CAB needs to discuss what to do about increasing membership. The Charter states that the CAB shall have from 12 to 20 members. The CAB discussed the problem of attendance and whether members should be asked to resign if they are unable to commit to future attendance. Suggestions were made for identifying new members. The CAB co-chairs said they would call some of the members who have not recently attended to ask if they wish to continue.

9. Other Administrative Business

No other business was raised.

10. Next Meeting Date/Agenda Discussion

The next meeting of the Broadway-Pantano CAB will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 21, 2005, at Eastside City Hall, 7575 E. Speedway, Tucson, AZ. Call Eileen Palese, ADEQ Community Involvement Coordinator, SRO, at (520) 628-6712, or email at palese.eileen@azdeq.gov, for meeting information and proposed agenda.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

This meeting was recorded on cassette tapes as a record of the proceedings. To listen to the tapes or for additional documents mentioned in these minutes, contact ADEQ's Southern Regional Office, Community Involvement Office, 520/628-6712.